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Previous references.

G.O. No R 9038 47/7443-14-14 dt 22.3.16.
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No 245/300 dt 2.10.61 (Geol)
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Later references.

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Serial Nos

(19)

GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Serial Nos. Revenue

Part B for April 1921

SUBJECT.

Reservation of areas in Cauvery Kankan near Bhagamandala

To

(15) The Director, Dept of Mines & Geology
" Do Dy (C) Geology
" Rev. Commr in Mysore
" Conservator of Forests in Mysore
" Director of Agriculture
" Dy Commrs of Districts

G.O. No 2934-07. 3 dt 12.4.20.

Passes orders in the above proposal

By Command, &c. Secretaries

WD 1235—GPB—20,000—14-6-20

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

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NOTES.

File No. 12-9

FILE HEADING.

Reservation of area [illegible] Kankar near Kolaspur.

From

[illegible]

No. Dated 11-7-19 Received 14-7-19

Diary No.	Enclos.	Spare Copies.	Serial No.

BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER.

[illegible]

NOTES AND ORDERS.

Submitted with a draft for approval or other orders.

AHS 16-7-19. How does the Ft Dept come on

Please put up any rules [illegible] be [illegible] the

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3 Removal of Kankar and similar materials is governed by the provisions made under rules 18 and 19 of the Land Revenue Rules ___ not known under what circumstances the Forest Dept is [illegible] the quarries If approved the Revenue Secretariat will be requested to furnish the information required or further information will be called for from the Director.

AW. 10-7-19. 4 Awaiting any information available on this point

Rev 22/7/19

24 JUL 1919 A 1075

Rev Branch

5 Subs Prospecting and mining in forest lands as governed by G O no R 10777-F-81-08-09 21-6-09 as amended by G.O. No R 9048-F 43-11 Dr 22-3-10. Please also see G.Os Nos R 4616 dtd 24-7-19 and 25-7-19 F-30-06-4 & 31-10-1906 R 6764-5 F 94-11-4 & 17-5-1 quoted at page 180 of the Forest Manual

pages 176-180 Forest Code manual

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Please put up these G.O's

6 Chief Secretary Minutes

Submitted 26-7-19

15/7/19

To Dfl to the Conservator requesting that the quarries may n

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be leased out again pending further investigation may be approved.

8 After issue of this letter the question whether the Forest department can lease out ~~reserves~~ the ~~reserves~~ will be looked into and the Forest Sec consulted further. There is nothing in the rules in the Geological Dept authorising such leasing out and I do not find any provision under the Forest Act in this matter. The position will have to be discussed and made clear ~~by the Govt~~ ~~conflicting~~ ~~with the~~ ~~being created~~ ~~by the issue of~~ ~~powers by separate authorities~~ regarding the powers of the Forest Dept & the Geol Dept.

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9 Govt approved

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8.8.19

10 Issue & put up

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ISSUE & RESUBMIT.

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To the Conservator of Forests
No G 3831 dt 14-8-19
Noted that the Director of the Geological
Survey [illegible]

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amongst the limestone deposits near Dobagan are likely to be required for chemical purposes & requests that pending further investigation no [illegible]

11) Returned as directed

AHS 14-8-19 Please put up the marginally noted books for reference NW 19/8

Forest Manual & Revenue code are herewith returned.

Forest Manual-
Rev Rules-
Rev Code-

AHS. 19-8-19.

12) There seems to be no provision either under the L R code or the Forest Regulation for the issue of licenses by the Forest Deptt for limestone or minerals found in State Forests

13) For favour of stating if such licenses are benignusally issued by the Forest Deptt and if so under what provision of law or order & oblt

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Rec 19.11.19.

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14 Subd- 'Rankan' seems to fall under the definition of '... t produce' when it brought from or found in a forest (Secn 2(5)(iii) of the Forest Regn

15 the article cannot be removed from the forest without the permission of the Forest Dept which will be given under Secn 26 of the Regn in state forest or under Rule 11 of the W. P. Rules (page 65 Forest manual).

16 Sometimes the licensor has notified in the gazette the sale of the right to collect Kurunda stones in forest lands the licensor may be asked to send such copies of advertisements if necessary

ms. Obsn 22-11-19

(Rund attention ... also cited to the India govt Resolns (pp 160 & 161 · Indian Forest Code)

29-11-19

Chief Secty Minor Depts.

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17 Submitted with reference to paragraph 13 above.

Asst. S. 1-12-19

18 Draft addressed to Conservator of Forests, Northern Circle, Ootacamund, returning his letter No. 1870/A dated 12-12-1919 and stating that permits for the collection of minerals ordinarily reserved to the Crown may be issued by Divisional Forest Officers under the provisions of Rule 5 of the Rules for the regulation of Mines and Minerals framed under Act IV of 1885 (Minor Depts. 26 DEC 1919) and that the Conservator's proposal to delegate to Divisional Forest Officers the power to grant permits for the collection of minerals under the provisions of Rule 5 of the Rules framed under Act IV of 1885 cannot be accepted.

19 Submitted with a draft

Asst. S. 8-12-19 to issue

3 To

The Conservator of Forests

G. 1870/A dated 12-12-1919

Forwarding his letter regarding the issue of permits for the collection of minerals reserved to the Crown and stating that Divisional Forest Officers may be empowered to grant such permits under the provisions of Rule 5 of the Rules framed under Act IV of 1885.

From

4 The Conservator of Forests

Letter No. 18/A.C. dated 6-2-1920

With reference to the above states that no licenses is granted for extracting minerals in forest areas at that he might collect stones like lime and soap stone for his own use by hand or on retail licenses as per G.O. No. R 6764-577 dated 4-11-4 & 17.

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21 From the papers under disposal, it is seen that the Forest Department does not grant licenses for prospecting but this department has to be consulted before any license is granted by the Geological Dept to Limestones and Soap stones fall under the surface products.

22 Submitted with reference to paragraphs 8 and 18 above

11.2.20

23 Limestone is required for several important investigations. Prospecting licenses have been granted in some cases for limestone in the past. The same practice is proposed to be continued hereafter

24 Under Revenue rules 18, 19 Revenue authorities issue permits for limestone, lime Kankar etc but there is no restriction at present to limit the period of such permits. It is therefore proposed to restrict the period of such permits for one year only, so that the deposit may be at the disposal of Govt either for reservation for industrial purposes or for granting mineral licenses if necessary. This question is separately under consideration.

B No 4314 (Geol 7-19-8) Under Secy

25 The permission of the Forest department is no doubt necessary for carrying on prospecting or mining operations in forest lands. But it does not mean that mineral operations should be prohibited in forest lands. If approved, it

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Permits issued by the Forest Dept for limestone or lime Kankar may also be limited for one year as in the case of those issued by the Revenue Dept so that the deposits may be available after the expiry of Permits for reservation by Govt for industrial purposes, or for granting new licenses if necessary.

HHS. 17-2-20. HG

26 Rev. Secy for favour of opinion. DCS 19/2/20.

27 Subs There seems to be no objection to issue licenses for one year at a time.

MA 19.2.20

HM 19/2.

28 Chief Secy) SMA 21-2-20

Mr. AHS Submitted HHS 23-2-20. HG

29 If approved, the permits issued by the Forest Dept for limestone or lime kankar may be limited to one year as in the case of licenses issued by Dy. Commrs. under Revenue Rules 18 & 19. DCS 23/2/20.

Chief Secy.)

30 Yes Please see 18 Revenue orders on the first Dept file.

31 MS may also be included in that Dept order.

CS 18/2

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General and Revenue Secretariat.

Govt File No. 19 of 1917-20.

Serial No.

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Please put up a typed copy of the draft as revised
3/3/20

33 Submitted with a typed copy of draft
AKS. 5-3-20 (Chief Secy.)
For approval
5/3/20

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Re-submitted with a clause added about the disposal of limestone in occupied lands, as per instruction
(Chief Secy.)
17/3/20.
Revised draft may be approved
(Minutes)
27/3/20

29/8/20

Issue
1/4/20.

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5. The Director Department of Mines and Geology
The Conservator Department of Geology
" Revenue Com. in Mysore
" Conservator of Forests in Mysore
" Dirs. of Industries and Commerce
" Deputy Comr. & Dist. Mag.
Copy to Rlw: Instr
G.O. No. R 23401-3/ dated 12.4.1[illegible]
Passed orders Relating to the Grant of leases for limestone

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SECRETARIAT
IV
MYSORE Depts.
12 JUL 1919

DIARY NO. 832
Geol 12-19

No. 80 [illegible]

Dated Bangalore, 11th July 1919.

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From

Dr. W. F. Smeeth, M.A.,D.Sc.,&c.,
Director,
Department of Mines & Geology.

To

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19/7/19

C. S. Balasundaram Iyer, Esquire, B.A.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of His
Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

Sir,

I have the honour to state that Mr.B. Balaji Rao, Sub Assistant Geologist reports that some patches of a superior kind of Kankar occur amongst the limestone deposits near Voblapur in the Gubbi Taluk. The total quantity does not appear to be large, but I think the areas should be reserved pending further investigation, as the material may be of use for chemical purposes in connection with experiments by the Advisory Board, Special Forest Officer and others.

2. The quarries referred to are situated -

(1) about ½ mile South West of the village of Voblapur &

(2) about ½ mile South West of Rameswaram temple and about a mile West of A 3221.

3. The quarries have been leased out by public auction by the Forest Department for a period of 3 years and it is stated that the leases have now expired.

4. The Conservator of Forests will doubtless know all about these deposits and I would suggest that the matter be referred to him and that he may be requested to refrain from granting further leases pending further investigation.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Director,

Dept. of Mines & Geology.

C.M.

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Section Geol
File No. 12-19
Serial No. 9

GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT,

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No. G 3831

Date of issue..... 14/8/19

To

The Conservator of Forests in Mysore

Signed by.....

Sir,

P.O.

I am directed to state that the Director of Mines & Geology reports in his letter no 80 of 11-7-19 that some patches of a superior kind of Kankar occur amongst the limestone deposits near Koblapur in the Gubbi Taluk and that the material is likely to be required for chemical purposes in connection with experiments by the Advisory Board etc

2. The quarries referred to are stated to be

(1) about ½ mile South West of the

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village of Vobalapuram and

(2) about ½ mile South West of Rameswaram Temple and about a mile West of Δ 3221.

3 The quarries which had been leased out by public auction by the Inst- ~~yours~~ Depts for a period of 3 years are stated to be now free owing to the ~~expiry~~ of the leases.

I am to request that pending further investigation no further leases may be granted

I have etc

Sd/ 8.8.19

Sd/ 6/8

for Secy to Govt.

Memo. no 3832-3 Lg 16/7/19

A copy of the above is forwarded, with compliments to the Director, Depty Secretary to Govt, Mines & Geology with reference to his letter Revenue Dept for information no 000 dy 11-7-19

List of enclosure

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By order

Sd/ 6/8

for Secy to Govt

Lg 16/7/19

Copied by

Examined by

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Diary No. of letter replied to.....

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Date of issue 12/12/19

Signed by M.V Iyengar

K.N.S.

Section Geol

File No. 12-19.

Serial No. 3

No. G 13704

To The conservator of forests in Mysore.

Sir,

In continuation of this office letter no G 3031 & 14-8-19 in regard to the reservation of some patches of superior kind of rankar found amongst the limestone deposits near Koblapur in the Gadhi Taluk for chemical purposes in connection with experiments by the Advisory Board etc, I am directed to ~~request to be informed~~ enquire whether leases or permits, ~~which had been formerly granted by the Forest Dept.~~, are being actually issued and if so, for what minerals, ordinary or other, and under what provision of law or rules. The favour of a very early reply in the matter is requested.

I have etc

M.V 9/12

Forest Asst to Govt.

8/12/19

CHIEF SECRETARIAT.
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M.&R.OR Depts.
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OFFICE OF THE CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS
IN MYSORE,

No. 18

Dated Bangalore the 6th February 20.

From

M.G.Rama Rao, Esquire, B.A.,

Conservator of Forests in Mysore,

2869 B A N G A L O

To

C.S.Balasundaram Iyer, Esquire, B.A.,

Chief Secretary to the Government of His

Highness the Maharaja of Mysore, Bangalore

S i r,

With reference to your letter No. G.13704/Gl.18-19-3 dated 12th December last in re. the question of reserving some patches of superior Kankar found amongst the limestone deposits in the Tumkur District, I have the honour to state that the term "Forest Produce" includes among other things peat, surface soil, rock and minerals, including limestone, laterite, mineral oils and all products of mines or quarries (vide Sec. 2 (5) IV of the Mysore Forest Regulation) Regarding the prospecting and mining in forest lands, para 4 of Government Order No. 10777/Ft.81-08-6 dated 21st June 1909 as amended by No. R.9048/Ft.43-14-14 dated 22nd March 1916, lays down that "no prospecting license or mining "lease shall ordinarily be granted in forest lands, except with the "sanction of the Conservator of Forests", but the revenue derived from the ore goes to the Geological Department which grants the license or the lease, as the case may be, in consideration of the fact that the Forest Department spends no money for its extraction (vide G.O. No. R.4414-25/Ft.30-06-4 dated 31st October 1906).

The disposal of stones found within the State Forest areas is, however, left solely to the Conservator of Forests as could be

be seen from Government Order No. R.6764-5/Rt.34-11-4 dated the 17th May 1912 No license is therefore issued by this Department for extracting mineral ore, but the right of collecting stones inclusive of lime and soap stones is either sold on the lease system or on retail licenses, according to the demand that exists therefor at the time. This item does not constitute a permanent and appreciable source of revenue, being more of an adventitious nature, the applications received being few and far between and confined only to a very few Districts.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Conservator of Forests.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE GOVT OF HIS HIGHNESS

THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE.

***** Geol 12-19-5.

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Read:-

D Govt.Order No.G.4907-16/Geol/20-16-4 dated 17th October 1916 directing that limestone areas, which are the property of Govt., should be reserved subject to the provisions of rules 18 & 19 of the Rules under the Mysore L.R.-- Code.

P U D I 2) Letter No. 616 dated 30th August 1919 -- from the Director, Dept. of Mines and Geology, proposing (1) that limestone excluding -- lime-kankar in unalienated lands may be considered as a mineral for which the Geological Dept. can grant licenses; (2) that the Deputy Commissioners may lease out the right over such limestone as at present, but that the -- sanction each time should not exceed one year; and (3) that, if under the present rules a license issued by the Geological Dept. over an area does not bar the issue of a license for limestone by the Deputy Commissioners over the same area, the same may be ordered now.

P U D II 3) Correspondence ending with letter No.18 dated 6th Feb.20 from the Conservator of Forests in Mysore stating that, under section 2 (5) (iv) of the Mysore Forest Regulation the term "Forest Produce" includes, among others-- things, peat, surface soil, rock and minerals - including limestone etc., and all products of mines or quarries and that no licenses are, however, issued by the Forest Dept for extraction of minerals, as it is done under the rules for the grant of mineral licenses an leases, but the right of collecting stones

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including limestone$ and soapstone is sold by the Forest Dept. either on the lease system or on retail licenses according to the demand ~~xx~~ that exists therefor at the time, the applications received in this connection being very few and the revenue derived being very small.

Order No. ~~Ag~~ 23401 – 13

Dated, Bangalore the ~~March~~ 12/4 1920.

Licenses for 'limestone' have been issued in some cases in the past in the Geological Dept. The same practice may continue (in future care being taken that there is no overlapping of ~~x~~ the grants of such Licenses both by the Geological ~~Dept~~ as well as by the Revenue (and Forest Depts.

2. As 'Limestone' in an Inam village of ~~xxx~~ alienated land belongs to the alienee of such village or land, the Geological Dept. has no power to issue licenses for limestone ~~xx~~ in such cases. The case is however different ~~xx~~ in regard to unalienated (~~xx~~ unoccupied lands and the Geological Dept. may issue licenses for limestone excluding lime kankar in such lands.

Similarly, it has no power to issue licenses for limestone in occupied lands as the provisions of Section 38 of the Land Revenue Code relating to the absolute right to minerals vested in Government do not apply to limestone, granite & such other minerals as the Govt by Notification in the Official Gazette may from time to time exempt from the scope of the Section.

3. Under rules 18 & 19 of the Rules under ~~x~~ the Mysore L.R. Code Deputy Commissioners may at their discretion, dispose of the right to remove limestone or other (ordinary) mineral -- which is the property of Govt. for such ~~xxxx~~ periods as they think fit. As these rules ~~xx~~ do not restrict the power of the Deputy ~~xxxx~~ Commissioners to issue permits for indefinite periods, Govt. direct that, in view of the interests of industrial concerns in the State & in order to provide for the needs of Govt. the

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the permits issued by the Deputy Commissioners under Revenue Rules 18 & 19 should be restricted to one year. Action will be taken separately about the issue of the necessary amendment to the Revenue Rules.

4. A similar restriction appears to be desirable in the case of licenses issued by the Forest Dept for limestone etc., The Conservator states that the practice at present is to sell the right of collecting limestone etc., on the lease system or on retail licenses according to the demand that exists there for at the time. Govt. direct that the permits issued by the Forest Dept for the removal of limestone etc., in forest areas should be restricted to one year as in the case of ~~similar~~ permits issued by Dy. Commissioners under the Revenue Rules. The Rules in force in this connection in the Forest Dept. will be suitably amended.

5. Govt. consider that as far as possible only one license should be in operation on any one particular area at any one time and accordingly direct that the Dy. Commissioners of Districts, should, in issuing permits over any area for ordinary minerals, ascertain ~~with~~ by reference to the records in their offices or to the Geological Dept if necessary, whether any license is in operation over such area and see that the land covered by a permit is not included in any license whether for limestone or for any other mineral. They should also see that, when such permits are issued, copies of the same are sent simultaniously for the information of the Director,

Director, Dept. of Geology. The Conservator of Forests should similarly keep the Dept. of Geology informed of the issue of such permits by sending copies of the same as soon as they are issued. Provision has also been made in the new rules relating to the grant of mineral licenses and leases for the demarcation of a block applied for on the survey map and in terms of Survey Nos. in order to keep the Rev. & Forest Depts clearly informed of the area so granted by the Geol. Dept. so as to avoid the creation of conflicting rights by different Depts. of Govt. and it is expected that there will hereafter be no difficulty for the Rev. or any other Dept in locating the areas comprised under licenses and leases issued by the Geol. Dept

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Chief Secy. to Govt.

To

The Director, Dept. of Mines and Geology on Special duty.

The Director, Dept of Geology.

The Revenue Commissioner in Mysore.

The Conservator of Forests in Mysore.

The Deputy Commissioners of Districts.

The Director of Industries and Commerce.

Copy to Rev. Sectt.

Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

GENERAL AND REVENUE DEPARTMENTS.

G. O. No. G. 23401-13—Geol. 12-19-5, dated 12th April 1920.

Grant of Licenses for Limestone.

Issues instructions in regard to the ——.by the Geological, Revenue and Forest Departments.

W D 2391—GPB—1-5-20—420

Grant of Licenses for Limestone.

No. G. 23401-13—Geol. 12-19-5, dated 12th April 1920.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE.

GENERAL AND REVENUE DEPARTMENTS.

Read—

Government Order No. G. 4907-16—Geol. 20-16-4, dated the 17th October 1916, directing that limestone areas which are the property of Government should be reserved subject to the provisions of Rules 18 and 19 of the Rules under the Mysore Land Revenue Code.

2. Letter No. 616, dated the 30th August 1919, from the Director, Department of Mines and Geology, proposing (1) that limestone excluding lime-kankar in unalienated lands may be considered as a mineral for which the Geological Department can grant licenses; (2) that the Deputy Commissioners may lease out the right over such limestone as at present, but that the sanction each time should not exceed one year, and (3) that, if under the present rules a license issued by the Geological Department over an area does not bar the issue of a license for limestone by the Deputy Commissioners over the same area, the same may be ordered now.

3. Correspondence ending with letter No. 18, dated the 6th February 1920, from the Conservator of Forests in Mysore, stating that, under Section 2 (5) (iv) of the Mysore Forest Regulation, the term "Forest Produce" includes, among other things, peat, surface soil, rock and minerals including limestone, etc., and all products of mines or quarries and that no licenses are, however, issued by the Forest Department for the extraction of minerals, as it is done under the rules for the grant of mineral licenses and leases, but the right of collecting stones including limestone and soapstone is sold by the Forest Department either on the lease system or on retail licenses according to the demand that exists therefor at the time, the applications received in this connection being very few and the revenue derived being very small.

Order No. G. 23401-13—Geol. 12-19-5, dated 12th April 1920.

Licenses for 'limestone' have been issued in some cases in the past in the Geological Department. The same practice may continue in future, care being taken that there is no overlapping of the grants of such licenses both by the Geological as well as by the Revenue and Forest Departments.

2. As 'limestone in an Inam village or alienated land, belong to the alienee of such village or land, the Geological Department has no power to issue licenses for limestone in such cases. Similarly it has no power to issue licenses for limestone in occupied lands as the provisions of Section 38 of the Land Revenue Code relating to the absolute right to minerals vested in Government do not apply to limestone, granite and such other minerals as the Government by notification in the official Gazette may, from time to time, exempt from the scope of the section. The case is, however, different in regard to the unalienated unoccupied lands and the Geological Department may issue licenses for limestone excluding lime-kankar in such lands.

3. Under Rules 18 and 19 of the Rules under the Mysore Land Revenue Code, Deputy Commissioners may at their discretion dispose of the right to remove limestone or other ordinary mineral which is the property of Government for such periods as they think fit. As these rules do not restrict the power of the Deputy Commissioners to issue permits for indefinite period, Government direct that, in view of the interests of industrial concerns in the State and in order to provide for the needs of Government, the permits issued by the Deputy Commissioners under Revenue Rules 18 and 19 should be restricted to one year. Action will be taken separately about the issue of the necessary amendment to the Revenue Rules.

4. A similar restriction appears to be desirable in the case of licenses issued by the Forest Department for limestone, etc. The Conservator states that the practice at present is to sell the right of collecting limestone, etc., on the lease system or on retail licenses according to the demand that exists therefor at the time. Government direct that the permits issued by the Forest Department for the removal of limestone,

No. G. 23401-13—Geol. 12-19-5, dated 12th April 1920.

etc., in forest areas should be restricted to one year as in the case of permits issued by Deputy Commissioners under the Revenue Rules. The Rules in force in this connection in the Forest Department will be suitably amended.

5. Government consider that as far as possible only one license should be in operation on any one particular area at any one time and accordingly direct that the Deputy Commissioners of Districts should, in issuing permits over any area for ordinary minerals, ascertain by reference to the records in their offices or to the Geological, Department, if necessary, whether any license is in operation over such area and see that the land covered by a permit is not included in any license whether for limestone or for any other mineral. They should also see that, when such permits are issued, copies of the same are sent simultaneously for the information of the Director, Department of Geology. The Conservator of Forests should similarly keep the Department of Geology informed of the issue of such permits by sending copies of the same as soon as they are issued. Provision has also been made in the new rules relating to the grant of mineral licenses and leases for the demarcation of a block applied for on the survey map and in terms of survey number in order to keep the Revenue and Forest Departments clearly informed of the area so granted by the Geological Department so as to avoid the creation of conflicting rights by different departments of Government and it is expected that there will hereafter be no difficulty for the Revenue or any other department in locating the areas comprised under licenses and leases issued by the Geological Department.

C. S. BALASUNDARAM IYER,
Chief Secretary to Government.

To—The Director, Department of Mines and Geology on Special Duty.
Tha Director, Department of Geology.
The Revenue Commissioner in Mysore.
The Conservator of Forests in Mysore.
The Director of Industries and Commerce.
The Deputy Commissioners of Districts.

Exd.—C. R.